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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also attached (first page only for the listed U.S. Patent Document).

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Each of the listed documents was cited in an Office Action ("Reason of Rejection") mailed on February 10, 2010 from the Japan Patent Office in connection with corresponding Japanese Application No. 2003-426240. A copy of that Office Action is attached, as is an English translation thereof indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office and making consideration of any non-English art required. MPEP 609.04(a)III.

Accordingly, for the concise explanation of relevance of the non-English document, WO 01/46808 A1, the Examiner is directed to the English translation of the Office Action, as well as to the English abstract of WO 01/46808 A1, and to U.S. Patent No. 6,711,594, also cited on the attached Form PTO-1449.

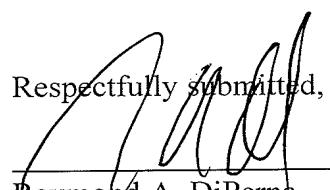
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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